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Dear to have a hard time keeping up with the fashions.

The shortage in dyestuffs will find a lot of folks suddenly turning gray.

One more month from today and we will have with us again the Glorious Fourth.

We are not so enthusiastic for the seedless apple as we are for the wormless one.

French peas, German fried potatoes and spaghetti is a doubtful outlay for a neutral digestion.

Villa Gubs Carranza a pig and the latter calls Villa a cutthroat. Rather come talk for Mexicans.

The war will not cause a rouge on our faces, we are told. So the future may live on the face of it.

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f thing, but is blown up as she goes journal. We never mind. Brother recall that we thought.

ard after argument the education than that owned by a large land owner, who he did not want to see the of the neighborhood forced the laborer with ignorance obliterate the community he would be of the cheap labor he now had at his command. In other words the admission by one who op-ed the community educated that it blessing to the poorer and the class and a protection against aggression.—Laurens Advertiser.

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PROPOSED SEWERAGE BONDS.

Not having had time to study any of the various phases of the proposition, The Intelligencer defers taking any definite position in regard to the suggestion which came up at yesterday's meeting of city council that the matter of a bond issue for extension of the sewerage facilities of the city be advocated now.

On its face, we are inclined to favor the proposition. There is no question that the city needs to extend its sewerage system. Anyone who will take the trouble of making a tour of the city and noting the large areas through which there are no sewer lines, and where surface closets are still in use, will be convinced of the city's need for extension of the sewerage system.

It is a well known fact that city council has authorized already a large amount of sewer work and that a large portion of this is now under way. Speaking offhand, we believe that more sewer work has been authorized already than the city will be able to carry to completion without piling up quite a large debt. A bond issue to carry out this work, we believe, is preferable to a big debt being piled up for this purpose.

The point we wish to stress in this connection, however, is that if the city is to issue sewerage bonds at any time in the near future now is the best time to do it. The summer season promises to be none too busy a one, and any money that might be turned loose during the next few months would do a vast amount of good. Within a very short while the money to be expended as a result of the bond issue for street paving will be getting in circulation in the city, and we believe the effect will be noticeable. The paving work will be going on for the next four or five months. If the city could vote a bond issue for sewerage and get this work under way about time the paving work is winding up it would serve the dual purpose of furnishing employment for a large number of people through the summer and fall months and keeping up a healthy circulation of money in the city.

PEACE OF WORLD'S END.

War has always been a horrible thing but nothing in the history of the world can compare with the present conflict which has engulfed Europe. Its horrors have been increased by the progress which has been made in the past hundred years in science and invention. Hundreds and hundreds may now be slain where in the ages gone by only a few would have been killed.

Just as any machine or any human being can stand so much and no more, just also it may be said of the human race. If war today is one hundred times worse than it was one hundred years ago, science and invention in the next century will no doubt have made such progress that a war in the year 2015 would be one hundred times worse than it is now and this of course would be more than the human race could endure.

Such a case as far as civilized mankind is concerned would be the end of the world and it seems that the time when either mankind must abolish warfare or else civilization must perish.

IN RE-INCOME TAX.

Under the head of Legal Notices in this paper is carried notice in regard to the time limit for making income tax returns, in which it is stated that the time expires on July 1st. This notice comes from Carlton W. Sawyer, comptroller general and these returns must be made.

County Auditor Smith stated yesterday that he was having some trouble in getting these returns and that unless "business picks up" the sheriff would be called on to lend his assistance. This is law and must be enforced.

DR. WHITE'S CALL.

Dr. John E. White, one of the foremost Baptist preachers in the South, has decided to change his place of residence from Atlanta to Anderson. In the last named city he will be the pastor of the First Baptist church. In Atlanta he was the pastor of the Second Baptist church. Perhaps the genial and talented doctor prefers being first in Anderson to being second in Atlanta.—Rock Hill Herald.

THE RECKONING

(Clinton Scollard)

What do they reck who sit aloof on thrones, Or in the chambered chancelleries apart, Playing the game of state with subtle art, If so be they may win, what wretched groans Rise from the red fields, what unrecorded bones Bleach within shallow graves, what bitter smart Pierces the widowed or the orphaned heart— The unhooded horror for which naught atones!

A word, a pen-stroke, and this might not be! But vengeance, power-lust, festering jealousy Triumph, and grim carnage stalks abroad, Hark! Hear that ominous bugle on the wind! And they who might have stayed it, shall they find No reckoning within the courts of God?

WAR MEANS WAR

(Chicago Tribune.)

The German government has now refused to declare that it will relinquish the use of submarines against enemy merchantment even though such use involves loss of life of our nationals, and it presents contentions of fact and of law upon which it invites discussion.

In view of the position hitherto taken by our government respecting the arbitration of international disputes our government may decide to arbitrate before the last resort.

According to Washington report, however, some members of the cabinet favor an ultimatum in response to the German note. This course would be urged by the more impassioned partisans of the allies, without hesitating, as well as by unthinking flag-wavers.

It is safe, we trust, to say that if peremptory action be adopted it will not be because of jingoism or unbalanced partisanship.

Whatever is decided upon by the president ought to be, and we believe will be, determined solely upon the sound consideration of American interest and honor.

Pending the government's decision it is well to consider what an ultimatum involves. There is apparent a notion that we can be vigorous in words and mild in action. The opposite policy is the one we should adopt. There is more worthy militancy among the partisans of peremptory action than there is discussion of what that action means or ought to mean.

An ultimatum must not be followed up by a slap on the wrist.

An ultimatum which involves nothing more than a breaking off of diplomatic relations will accomplish nothing except to impress the world with our futility and to invite further aggression. If we are "too proud to fight" let us be too proud to talk as if we are ready to fight. If we are for militant diplomacy let us not deceive ourselves with vague talk of "peaceful war" but face the fact that war will mean for us war in the full

sense of that terrific word. It may well be that American statesmanship, profoundly considering all the moral and material interests of the republic as they are now involved or may be affected by the European war, will conclude that it is expedient to insist to the last recourse upon our interpretation of sea law and our view of the limitations which must circumscribe the conduct of war.

But being determined in favor of aggressive action, there should be neither hesitancy nor compromise nor half measure. Both the government and the nation should proceed, at once to mobilize all our resources, to organize all our powers, and to direct them with unflinching resolve against our opponents. There should be a clear understanding then, and what is even more important, there should be a clear understanding now, that the only self-respecting response to an ultimatum refused is war, and that the nation and its government must in such event confirm its purpose to the uttermost of its powers, facing the expenditure of blood and treasure through perhaps years of conflict.

The late Lord Roberts rebuked the British home staying jingoes by inviting them not "to kill Germans with their mouths." In the same spirit we may remind the bellicose among our fellow citizens and contemporaries that if the United States makes war it must be war, profound and desperate.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A Fair of Snufflers. A gentleman holidaying in the Highlands was engaged one night in writing a letter in a humble abode, where he had obtained accommodation. The guttering candles annoyed him, and he called out: "Mrs. M'Pherson, can you get me a pair of snufflers?" "A pair o' snufflers?" repeated Mrs. M'Pherson, somewhat bewildered. "Weel, I'll dae my best."

In a few minutes there was a commotion outside. Two stalwart figures shuffled in, following by Mrs. M'Pherson. "This is Donald M'Dougall," she said, "and this is Dougal M'Donald. I dinna ken what ye want wi' them; but I'm thinkin' the two o' 'em tak' mair snuff than any ither twa in the parish."

Behind Time.

There is a Chicago man, dwelling in one of the suburbs, who goes into the city every day to look after a mail order business.

One afternoon last winter he took the train for his home, but a terrific snowstorm was raging, and about halfway to his suburb the train was snowed in. All night the passengers were imprisoned. Early in the morning they managed to reach a nearby telegraph station, from which the Chicago man sent the following message to his office: "Will not be in the office today. Have not got home yesterday yet."

Taking No Chances.

Just before Mayday a gentleman out motoring with a friend noticed that they were crawling along a thoroughfare where previously they had been accustomed to go at full speed. He asked why the car was run so slowly.

"Why," explained the driver of the car, with perfect nativets, "everybody carrying home garden tools now, and you can't run over 'em without risking a puncture."

They Had to Be.

Maud—Don't you think there are just good fish in the sea as ever were caught?

Marie—I don't know. But they are smarter, anyway.—Peoria Star.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The greatest distance at which an object at sea-level, or on the surface of a plain, can be seen by a person whose eyes are at a height of five feet from the same level is 2 3-4 miles.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is a great numismatist, and possesses a collection of over twenty thousand coins, said to be the finest in Europe.

Out of over one hundred and sixty inmates of a lunatic asylum only one had red hair, and only four were of light hair and complexion.

Less than a thousand Victoria Crosses have been awarded since they were first fashioned in 1856.

Thimble is a corruption of "thumb bell."

The bayonets used at the battle of Waterloo were about a foot longer than the modern weapons.

Retrospective

About the greatest service any store can render you, in addition to making sure of your satisfaction and guaranteeing it, is to procure for you every new and practical idea of style's dictation—the new things before they become "popular" which is another word for common.

In this connection have you thought who introduced

- the English Suits?
—the English Shoes?
—the Genuine Priestley's Mohair Suits?
—the Genuine Palm Beach Suits?
—the Quarter-size Collars?
—the Guaranteed Socks?
—the Shirt with the Adjustable Sleeve?
—the Manhattan Silk Shirts?
—the Union Suit with the Closed Crotch?
—the Straw Hat with Adjustable Band?

Who is the first to procure for you

- the Sport Shirts you're enthusiastic about?
—the Clocked Socks that top the wave of fashion?
—the Manhattan Slide-Back Union Suit?
—the New Silklike Suits, best of wash suits?
—the Ventilated Auto Gauntlet?

There can be but one answer to all the above questions—we make our best bow.



PRESS COMMENT

The Homeless Ones.

One pathetic fact has been brought out by the discussion of New York's "trotteries" aroused by the case of the young girl whose mother had her brought into court to rescue her from their evil associations. It is that New Yorkers have no homes.

"Why don't young girls have parties in their homes, the way they used to do, instead of going to these public joints?" was the cry that went up from many. The answer is—because they can not. The home of the crowded New Yorker is no roomy house with spacious halls and breezy porches. It is a small flat without bedrooms enough to go around, so some one always sleeps on the living-room couch. There's no room for exercise of any kind, not to mention dancing.

There's no outdoors except the city streets. Parks are few and small. Fly the young people growing up under these conditions. No wonder the tango joints are popular—and dangerous. Some day New York women may wake up to making the public amusement places quiet, safe and homelike.

But meantime, and all the time, residents of cities and towns like Augusta may be thankful that they live where there is still breathing space for themselves and their children, and homes in which to be happy and have harmless good times.

Draw up the porch chairs and be comfortable. Mother's going to hear the lesson.

Intervention and the A. B. C. (Chicago Tribune.) It is reported from Washington

that Latin-American governments

wish to be represented in any force entering Mexico for the purpose of quelling anarchy and establishing a durable peace. Argentina, Brazil, and Chile are said to be particularly concerned in such a plan.

There is reason to fear that such collaboration would be acceptable to the administration, but it is to be hoped we shall not be committed to any such departure.

When the Mexican situation was in its earlier stages and our difficulties were so seemed still to be susceptible of diplomatic arrangement there was some plausible reason for accepting the good offices of stable Latin-American governments.

But if in spite of our amity and long suffering we are now compelled to undertake the costly and dangerous task of armed intervention and the establishment of order we cannot afford to invite division of authority and divergence of policy. It would be little less than Quixotic so to tie our hands when entering upon so difficult, onerous, and unsought a task.

We trust that the suggestion did not come from the A. B. C. powers, for in such case it hardly could be interpreted as other than an expression of want of confidence in our intentions and an intimation of right to place a check upon our procedure in a case in which our interest is immediate and their remote.

Golden Mean of Preparedness.

(South Bend Tribune.) Another thing these pacifists fail to take into consideration when they compare a prepared American with a prepared Europe, for example, is that European nations are right up against each other, geographically speaking. They have as their heritage the tip-and-and more years of war. They arm in expectation of the "day" which secretly they all more or less hope to see dawn. America prays that day will never dawn. Our ideals are, those of peace, not war, except as a last resort, and then in the name of humanity. This is the fundamental and characteristic difference which automatically acts as a check on any American preparedness to prepare the peace blooming European militarism. Preparedness in the American mind is a possession, not an obsession.

War Baby Americans.

(Springfield, Mass., Republican.) When Yandell Henderson, head of the department of physiology at Yale, made the public statement that "there was a crop of war babies" over on Long Island after our soldiers left Montauk Point in 1915, he became responsible for something that hurts The people of all that portion of Long Island near to the scene of that camp are bitterly protesting the truth of the allegation.

And was your husband cool when

the highwayman pointed the revolver at him? asked Mrs. Naylor. "I should say he was cool," replied Mrs. Fock. "Why, when he got home his socks were frozen to his feet!"—Pencil Sketch.